Petroleum Centre Daily Record.

Pet. Centre, Pa. Tuesday, July 29

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Petroleum Centre Lodge, No. 715, I. O. of O. F.
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JAMES WILSON, M. W.
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I. O. of R. M.
Minnekaunee Tribe No. 183, I. O. R. M of Petroleum Centre, meets every Thursday evening in Good Templar's Hall.
☞Council fires lighted at 7 o'clock.
H. HOWE, Sachem.
C. L. JUKES, Chief of Records.

Gold at 1 p. m. 115¾

Our Staple.

Trade, like the tide, ebbs and flows.—Prosperity is periodical; adversity also. When large communities depend on one commodity for daily bread these tidal waves lead on to fortune to all while their recession only leaves exposed the strands of beggary. In Australia wool. In China silk and tea. In France and Germany the grape. In our own South cotton, sugar or tobacco, varying with the locality. In the West grain. In the Northwest lumber and grain form the staples. Let these fail any where to bring good prices and whole communities languish. So with us. Crude is cheap, because it is plenty, and plenty because high prices stimulated development, and while it is to be hoped that the present prices may lead to new uses for petroleum, and to a wider and better demand, yet for the present business lies prone and prostrate.

That the depression in our trade has reached its limit none need doubt. The drill is surely stopping. No new wells are being contracted for by anybody at any point in the region. The boundaries of the lower oil field are now mapped out. Its probable capacity and bearing on future production is capable of estimate and that falls far below previous conceptions. Indeed the lower oil field has hitherto been deemed inexhaustible. This is not so. The present drilling when completed will go far to deplete this territory (by pumping till next Spring) of its oil. Its great depth and growing uncertainty will deter drilling even then, so that we are on the eve of better prices and better times. The mass of the operators, including the leading ones about whom so many malicious rumors are so industriously circulated, are in good shape and will continue so. Much has been learned—lessons of caution and of economy—and there are lessons of wisdom for us all.

The time is coming when the oil regions will furnish at a fair price to all concerned our staple just as the consumer wants it—For illumination and for lubricating the work will be done here at home—at our own refineries—and if gas companies, steel works and others want crude it will be worth three and a half to four dollars per barrel.

Our old friend and fellow townsman, Mr. J. D. Forrest, leaves next week for Modoc City, in the lower oil field, to work for the Phillips Bros. He does not intend removing his family away. The best wishes of many friends will accompany Mr. Forrest to his new location.

NEW WELL.—On Saturday last a new well was struck on the Brown farm, Cherrytree Run, which is yielding 20 barrels per day. Pumping commenced on Saturday evening and for the first twenty-four hours the yield was 23 barrels. It is owned by W. H. Hall, of Woods farm. The sand found in this well was of a very fine quality. The Brown farm is not played out yet.

The machine shops of Erie are building a large dredge to be used in digging slips at the harbor of Ashtabula. It will remove one thousand cubic yards of earth in a day.

A Speculative Investment.

The Titusville Sunday Press has reduced the cost of drilling wells and the money they make after being completed, right down to facts and figures. Below will be found the figures:

It costs between $8,000 and $9,000 to sink on oil well in the lower district, and a sixty barrel well is considered a good thing. There was a time when it realized this expectation, but that was in the days of $4,00 oil and $4,000 wells. The average operator of to-day seems oblivious of the fact that between $2,00 oil and $8,000 wells and $4,00 oil and $4,000 wells, the odds are just four times against him, and so without any reflection he jumps at the conclusion that an $8,000 well producing sixty barrels of $2,00 oil is a valuable acquisition Let us figure it, taking a well of six months duration at the liberal estimate of sixty for the ensuing sixty days, and twenty barrels for the ensuing ninety days, making a total production of 6,000 barrels of oil in six months—as follows:

One month—sixty barrels per day	1,800
Two months—forty barrels per day	1,400
Three months—twenty barrels per day	1,800
Total production six months, bbls	6,000
One quarter off for royalty	1,500
	4,500
Gross earnings, $1,50 per bbl. at the well	2,250
	$6,750
Deduct $10 per day expenses 180 days	$1,800
Net earnings	$4,950

In a six months well at a liberal estimate for production, the operator has got a return of $4,950 for his $8,000 investment.—If we take into account the cost of breakages, repairs, loss of time to the operator himself, &c., we find that he has recovered scarcely one-half of his investmentr And this is about the way the most successful operators are "getting rich" in the lower district.

One Nettie Wallace, a frail creature living at upper end of town, was taken with a fit yesterday afternoon. It appears she had been drinking to excess lastly, probably to drown sorrow, and the fit was the result.—Poor creature. The same oft told tale.

Refreshing showers today.

Oil Creek is on the "rise." Oil is not.

Trains were delayed this afternoon by a land slide at Gregg's Switch.

The New York World says that a convention of young men who part their hair in the middle is shortly to be organized for the consideration of the question as to whether they have no rights that are to be respected.

Thirty New Haven ladies planned for a nice little sail on a steamer alone. A strange sailor took them on a strange craft with cabin room for ten, and a storm arose. They reached home late at night thoroughly oaked, andthirty husbands are indulging in provoking little smiles at their expense.

The popular theory as to the gigantic size attained by whales is upset by a distinguished naturalist, who declares, from actual observation and measurement, that the average whale seldom exceeds 79 feet in length.

Pauley Jr. of the Waynesburg Messenger visited a dancing platform near his town and expresses his surprise at the muscle displayed by the fair ones on a warm day like the Fourth of July. He says:

"Dancing is certainly invigorating and strengthening, as we saw ladies, who are totally unable to wield a mop, swing a broom or lift a skillet, take their places on the platform and apparently without an effort whirl through the intricate "mazes of the dance," for a half dozen consecutive sets, with scarcely a breathing spell."

There are four restaurants at Modoc City.

Butter is worth but sixteen cents in Carlisle.

The people of Meadville want a new post master.

There are 5,000 miners in the Lehigh region.

"Hardscrabble" is to be the name of the next oil town in the lower district. The test well has reached a depth of 1,500 feet, and it is only half a mile further to the third sand.

Base ball at New York, Saturday—Mutuals 7, Atlantics 4.

Base ball at Philadelphia, Saturday—Athletics 30, Washingtons 19.

Corn and cotton crops in Texas promises better than for many years.

Two years and a half is the time required to complete the tunnel under the Lehigh mountain.

Letters from the People.

NOTE.—The manager of this journal, without endorsing the sentiments of contributors, desires to offer the widest possible latitude for free discussion. It is merely stipulated that communications shall concern matters of public interest, be put in decent language and accompanied with the names of the writers, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

Letter From Plumer.

Since we wrote you last a case of domestic infelicity deserving the notice of the reportorial corps of the RECORD hath come to light. The facts are circumstantially as follows: Parties of the first part are long residents of this classic village; parties of second part non-residence, closely related to the former and boarders for some time past Parties of first part lived happily together, nothing occurring to mar their domestic felicity until last week. Parties of second part possessing a fair amount of U. S. promise to pay, &c., which were dealt out generously to their hosts for advance board, sundries, loans, &c., until they thought it was getting pretty thin and said so. One word brought on another until the "tempest raged" at this point of consanguinity was utterly disregarded and boarders were summarily ordered out, when they sought refuge in their respective rooms locking the doors as a precaution against further developments. The husband's filial and sisterly love overcoming his conjugal affection and reasoning from the hypothesis,—If a father has a right to chastize his daughter then has the husband the same right. Here was a practical instance to test his theory and proceeded forthwith to administer his barbaric hobby. His spouse, however, was equal to the occasion and eluding the detaining hand she escaped to her father.—Paterfamilias sympathized deeply with his much abused offspring and advised her to have her preternatural husband arrested and at the same time to procure a writ of ejectment against the boarders. This was assented to and an hour hence the squire at your place was listening earnestly to the sorrowful "tale" of the aggrieved one. The 'Squire possessing none of those peculiar traits, common to modern Blackstones or the Quirk and Gammon order, told her he could not issue any warrants or writs on the points at issue and they returned a disappointed crew. Allow me to enquire—If the Squire could not make a case out of the matter why did he invest himself with judge and jury authority and invite parties of second part to quit the premises if they did not want to have trouble? The wife, foiled in her legal recourse, returned determined to use coercion as the only means left to rid herself of the presence of her disagreeable boarders. Forcing the door of their rooms she seized one of the victims and was about to force her out of the house when her husband appeared upon the scene closing the door upon his wife's arm. Screams of murder brought a neighbor in who succeeded in parting the belligerent contestants for fistic honors. The wife now has her husband under bail for assault and battery, parties of second part are boarding in more congenial quarters. Since the melee two philanthropic young friends of the parties of the first part have played the role of peace makers and have so far succeeded that the lion and the lamb laid down together as peaceable as if nothing had iterfered to cause a cloud in their demestic horizon. And thus falleth the curtain on a Plumer sensation.

NEW VERSION OF THE "PRODIGAL SON."—A stranger officiated at one of the churches at Belchertown on a recent Sabbath, in the absence of the regular clergyman. His afternoon discourse was a new version of the "Prodigal Son," unique and novel. The reverend speaker represented him when leaving home as arrayed in the height of Parisian fashion—"in silk hat, broadcloth coat, kerseymere, kid gloves and French calf boots," and after a life of unparelleled extravagance, dissipation and sin, conspicuous among the fruits of which were "the graves of two beautiful maidens his victims, his property being spent and his servants deserting him, he was seen one morning out in the middle of a lot, on a rock, his silk hat knock in, broadcloth out at the elbows, French calf boots out at toe kid gloves gone, hogs all around him, and he chewing the pods!"—[Northampton (R. I.) Gazette.

In Indiana county the wheat, corn and oat crops are very heavy.

The Temperance Society of Franklin was organized Tuesday, July 22nd.

In 1856 there were only six brick houses in Scranton. Ii now boats of 40,000 inhabitants.

The Franklin Water Company charge only $25 per plug for supplying the city with water.

A boy in the central part of the State was bitten on his hand by a patato bug and fears are entertained that the member will have to be amputated.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

New Hampshire granted one hundred and seventy-nine divorces.

"Oh for some lodge in a vast wilderness," Kansas Odd Fellows boast of 106 of them.

An ox killed by lightning in Iowa did not have a piece of bone left in his skin an inch long.

A Michigan man finds that his farm i "chock full" of lead ore; yielding 83 7 per cent. of the metal.

The Cleveland street car companies have ordered conductors not to take up other passengers when the cars are full.

A Missouri woman won a house and lot at a raffle, and then she had to buy a shot gun to keep her adorers from wearing out the steps.

A commercial crisis is imminent in Cuba. Such an event would add to the difficulty of the government in operating against the patriots.

A warm spring on the bank of a lake, which was glowingly described by a Peoria reporter, proves to be the mouth of a waste pipe from a neighboring brewery.

Passengers on the Manitowoc and Appleton Railroad in Wisconsin it is said, get off and gather wild flowers, and then jog along again and catch up with the train.

One morning recently a Chicago woman borrowed $200 of her husband, and in the afternoon fluttered under his nose a divorce that had cost precisely that amount.

A Vermont woman undertook to paint the cellar stairs. She found a pail of paint and commenced at top, painting herself into the cellar, and had to crawl out of the cellar window.

The exports of coin from New York since January 1, 1873, are stated at $35,041,852, against $44,145,011 in the same time last year, and $48,403,898 in corresponding time the year before.

A recent visitor to one of the islands on the coast of Maine discovered a school of forty scholiars, all of whom were grandchildren of one man. He was put down as the most extensive grandfather in the State.

The Louisville Council, having an eye to their own comfort, have passed an ordinance providing that when a policeman finds a man drunk on the street he shall take him home instead of locking him up.

A desperate American in Strasburg recently exclaimed, "Don't ask me to see the sights! I am no longer sea sick, but sick of sight. Please introduce me to somebody who talks English, and who won't ask me to see anything."

Oil City has a colored band, which the citizens refuse to let practice in peace. The rink where the band was tuning up one night, was attacked with bricks and stones, and some of the members injured.

Bishop of the Derrick has an other libel suit on hand.

The Erie Fire Department parades on Monday, Aug. 4th.

The apple crop near Connesutville will be only a fair crop.

Beaver Falls has sixty-six fresh Chinese and more coming.

In Cumberland county there is a woman who swings the grain cradle while her husband rakes and binds.

The Valley Railroad bridge over the Allegheny at Oil City is undergoing repairs, and is said to be very unsafe.

The Odd Fellows of Youngsville, Warren county, have procured a beautiful piece of ground near that place and intend to make a park of it.

The house of Hon. A. P. Moore of Wilmington, Lawrence county was destroyed by lightening, July 24th.

Reading, a local option city, has a temperance garden, where nothing stronger than ice cream is sold.

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